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NEW YORK.
CALL HER KOKORO.
SHE IS A MUTANT -- BORN WITH POWERS THAT SET HER APART FROM HUMANITY.
CALL HER AFRAID.
THOUGH HER PSIONIC SWORD -- A MYSTICAL BLADE INFUSED WITH HER TELEPATHIC POWER -- HAS SUNDERED DEMONS FROM MEPHISTO'S APOKOLIPS AND THE TYRANOIDS OF LATKOVIA...
...AND SHE'S OFTEN BEEN AN OUTCAST -- AND FUGITIVE -- AS MOST MUTANTS ARE...
...TONIGHT SHE HAS SEEN SOMETHING THAT MAKES EVEN HER SAMURAI HEART FREEZE.
AND THAT SOMETHING...
...IS HUNTING MUTANTS.
THAT WASN'T... A DEATH BLOW.
YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE ME ALIVE! WELL, YOU'LL FIND THAT A PSYCHIC TRAINED IN BUSHIDO IS NOT SO EASILY...
SLAM
A BLAST.
A MOMENT OF SILENCE. AND THEN...

...ONE MOTHER OF AN ENTRANCE.
COBALT -- BLAST RADIATION TO SCRAMBLE ITS SENSOR!
JUST DESTROY IT, IRON! THEY CAN BUILD A MILLION SENTINELS --
-- BUT NOT ONE MORE MUTANT WILL BE TAKEN WHILE WE STILL FUNCTION!
NICKEL -- CABLE-OUT AND PIN ITS LIMBS!
MAGNETIC MEN..? W-WAIT...
IT'S...
...IT'S NO SENTINEL...

SENTINEL?!
DID YOUR PRECIOUS MAKER FAIL TO IMPLANT YOU WITH THE PROPER LOGIC CHIPS?
I AM SINISTRON...
KRONOOM
-- THE ULTIMATE SYNTHETIC INTELLECT --
-- WITH THE MOST DREAD POWER TO ACHIEVE MY GOAL!
IT TAKES BUT A FRACTION OF MY ABILITY TO FREEZE YOU IN PLACE!
M-MAYBE THAT M-M-MAG-FIELD FROZE THE REALLY M-MAGNETIC M-MEMBERS --

-- BUT THE M-M-MASTER MADE M-ME AND ANTIMONY DIAMAGNETICS FOR AN ATTACK JUST LIKE THAT!
KKKSSHH
WHILE BISMUTH CORRODES YOUR CIRCUITRY WITH HIS TOXIC BLOWS --
-- MY DIAMAGNETIC BLASTS WILL REVERSE THE POLARITY OF YOUR OWN FIELD AND --
MY REGRETS, ANTIMONY...
CHAKK
...BUT I KNOW THE LOT OF YOU TOO WELL.
AFTER ALL... WE ARE FIRST COUSINS... AREN'T WE?
A MECHANICAL LAUGH. A HISS OF JETS.
AND A LONG SILENCE.
UNTIL...
NO.

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A MAGNETIC AIRSHIP CLEAVES THE AIR, SILENT BUT FOR THE TRACKING SIGNAL OF MAGNETO'S LATEST CREATION... CEREBRO.
READING FLUCTUATIONS IN THE EARTH'S ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD CAUSED BY GREAT BIOGENETIC POWERS, IT LEADS HIM ON HIS GLOBAL QUEST FOR MUTANTS.
IT IS A QUEST THAT SOMETIMES OVERWHELMS EVEN HIM.
IF YOU CLAIM TO BE A FRIEND OF MUTANT-KIND...
...THEN USE YOUR VAUNTED TELEPATHY, MR. X... TO HUNT DOWN THIS NEW FOE!
I HAVE A WAVECRUISER FULL OF MUTANTS, MAGNETO -- UNDER ATTACK FROM THEIR OWN FOES -- IN THE JLA!
IF WE SURVIVE THIS, THEN PERHAPS --
JLX #1 - ON SALE NOW! - Mark.
FOOL! LEADING MUTANTS INTO BLOODY COMBAT... RISKING THEM RATHER THAN SAVING THEM...
KSSHH
WHY HASN'T HE LEARNED FROM MY TRAGEDY?
TO FIGHT THE SENTINELS -- MACHINES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO KILL MUTANTS -- COULD I IN GOOD CONSCIENCE HURL LIVING MUTANTS AGAINST THEM?!
MACHINES MUST FIGHT MACHINES. THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME I LED A TEAM OF LIVING MUTANTS...
...IS A PAIN TOO SHARP TO HOLD IN MEMORY.

DON'T WORRY, MASTER! WE'LL FIND SINISTRON WITH NO HELP FROM ANYONE!
AND THAT M-MAKES YOU HAPPY, IRON? LOOK WHAT HE DID TO US BEFORE!
WHAT?!
THIS DISLOYALTY MUST BE PUNISHED! I'LL --
YOU WILL SAVE YOUR MAGNETIC ENERGY FOR COMBAT, NICKEL.
THE DIAMAGNETICS CAN SCARCELY HELP THEIR INFERIORITY.
IF YOU SEEK TO INJURE FEELINGS, COBALT...
...YOU WILL FIND I HAVE NONE.
WAIT!
ANTIMONY... YOU SPEAK OF FEELINGS, AS IF THEY MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU!
WHATEVER "WARMTH" MAY BE, MASTER... YOU MADE ME INCAPABLE OF IT.
YES... OF COURSE. PERHAPS... THAT'S WHY I REALLY CHOSE TO BUILD YOU.
I MADE YOU ALL IN THE IMAGE OF MY BROTHERHOOD OF MUTANTS.
IS IT MY MEMORIES OF MY FRIENDS THAT GIVE YOU THIS SEMBLANCE OF DISTINCT PERSONALITIES? IS IT THE PROPERTIES OF YOUR METALS?
AND HOW MUCH OF... HER... LIVES WITHIN YOU? CAN IT BE THAT HER WARM HEART IS LOCKED IN THAT COLD BODY OF ANTIMONY?

THE BROTHERHOOD WAS A *FAMILY* TO ME... WHEN MY OWN FAMILY PROVED TO BE A *SHAM*.
ONCE MY BROTHER AND HIS FIRST SENTINELS *SLAUGHTERED* THEM...
...I KNEW I COULDN'T SURVIVE SUCH PAIN AGAIN.
I WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW WILL'S OWN COLD EXAMPLE. I WOULD SURROUND MYSELF WITH *MACHINES*...
...PARTNERS WHO WOULD *NEVER* LOVE ME...
...WHOSE LOVE *I* WOULD NEVER HAVE TO RETURN.
MASTER!
THE SIGNAL'S *STRONGER!*
EEEEEEEE
THERE'S A *HUGE* CONCENTRATION OF MUTANT POWER TO THE SOUTH! ON A SMALL AFRICAN *ISLAND* CALLED...

"...GENOSHA!"
THE WHOLE ISLAND'S A VAST CITADEL...
...AN IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS!
MY MAGNETIC MEN...
...BELOW US -- IF CEREBRO'S CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT -- THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CAPTIVE MUTANTS...
...INNOCENTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED EVERY DEPRAVITY AT THE HANDS OF AN INHUMAN THING.
IT IS SURELY PREPARED FOR OUR ATTACK.
BUT IF IT BE OUR LAST ACT...
...LET US FREE THEM!
ROLL OUT THE WELCOME MAT, SINISTRON! YOU WANTED MUTANTS... AND LOOK WHAT YOU GOT!
Oh, M-M-M-M --
-- JEEZ.

THROUGH THE OZONE-CRACKLE OF AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD THEY ARE HURLED TO THE STRONGHOLD BELOW --
TAKE OUT THE SURVEILLANCE CONSTRUCTS.
-- HE CAN'T FIGHT WHAT HE CAN'T SEE!
SLASH
HELP ME CRIPPLE THESE GUARD DRONES, BISMUTH --
BOOM
-- MAKE SAFE THE PASSAGE OF OUR COMRADES!
FORWARD WEAPONS ARE DESTROYED.
INFRARED AND BIO-SCANNERS ARE SCRAMBLED.
WALLS ARE BLOWN DOWN EASILY.
PERHAPS...
...TOO EASILY.
THERE IS SOMETHING AHEAD...
Oh.
IF THEY HAD LUNGS THEY WOULD GASP.
IF THEY HAD HEARTS THEY WOULD RACE.
BUT EVEN METAL GROWS COLD AT THE SIGHT OF THIS.

A VAST CHAMBER
STASIS CELLS.
AND HELD CAPTIVE IN THEM...
...LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN LAB ANIMALS...
MUTANTS.
HUNDREDS... THOUSANDS... OF MUTANTS.

EVERY MUTANT WHO HAS BEEN ABDUCTED -- AND MORE WE NEVER KNEW OF!
THESE CHAMBERS... EXPERIMENTAL CHAMBERS... I THINK I UNDERSTAND!
MAGNETIC MEN! SHUT DOWN THESE CELLS AND FREE THESE PEOPLE BEFORE --
NO.
CHOOM
HE'S STRUCK THE MASTER!
BUT THE MASTER STRIKES BACK -- THROUGH US!
THIS TIME WE WON'T BE SURPRISED!
MY DEAR LITTLE RUSTPOTS...
DO YOU THINK I HAVE ONLY ONE SURPRISE?

WAIT...
HE'S EXPOSING THE MUTANTS...DON'T HARM THEM!
I CALCULATED YOU'D SAY THAT, MAGNETO.
WHICH IS WHY I BRAINWIPED THESE FIVE MUTANTS AND "REWIRED" THEM...
NO, SINISTRON! LET THE RUIN FALL ON YOU!
...TO DESTROY YOU!
NO MATTER HOW ADVANCED YOUR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, IT MUST BE BASED ON ELECTROMAGNETISM!

YOU'RE BUT A STRAW MAN! FIGHTING A FIRE!
NOT IF I TUNE MY OWN ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD TO YOUR POLARITY, MAGNETO ---
--- AND BACKFEED IT!
STRAW MAN, AM I? THEN YOU ARE THE TIN MAN, FROZEN IN THE RAIN.
DROLL, ISN'T IT? A FLESH AND BLOOD BEING AMONG US SYNTHETIC BEINGS...
...AND YET WHOSE HEART BEATS THE COLDEST?
BUT YOU CAN'T ANSWER, CAN YOU, MAGNETIC MEN? FOR AS MY CONSCIOUSNESS FREEZES, SO DOES YOURS. I SHOULD KNOW...
...FOR I LEARNED FROM THE MAN WHO KNOWS MAGNETO... LIKE A BROTHER!

HIS HATRED IS IMPRESSED INTO EVERY ELECTRONIC IMPULSE OF MY MIND. WILL MAGNUS' HATRED FOR HIS BROTHER ERIK --
-- WHOSE MUTANT POWERS EFFORTLESSLY OUTSHONE EVERY HARD-WON ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS TECHNICAL GENIUS!
WHOSE GIFT OF MAGNETISM COULD CRIPPLE EVERY ROBOTIC MASTERWORK OF HIS INVENTION -- UNTIL THE SENTINELS!
YOUNG ERIK -- EVER THE LEADER OF MEN --
-- GATHERED HIS BROTHERHOOD ABOUT HIM.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE, ERIK, YOU HAD A FAMILY.
BUT THE SENTINELS ENDED THAT.
BUT THAT'S THE ENCODED HATE TALKING. WHEN WILL MAGNUS MADE ME TO BE HIS ULTIMATE SENTINEL, INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOUR NEW ROBOT TOYS, HE WENT TOO FAR -- HE GAVE ME SENTIENCE!
I SAW HOW HIS HATRED HAD LIMITED HIM. HE USED HIS GENIUS FOR NOTHING BUT EXTERMINATION...
...AND FORCED YOU TO USE YOUR MAGNIFICENT POWER FOR NOTHING BUT PROTECTION!
WHY KILL MUTANTS WHEN THEY CAN BE USED,? WHEN THEIR POWERS CAN BE ISOLATED AND REPLICATED...
...TO CREATE AN ARMY OF MUTANT SLAVES WITH PHYSICAL POWERS TO MATCH MY MENTAL ONES, AGAINST WHOM THE INFERIOR HOMO SAPIENS CANNOT HOPE TO STAND!
THE SIBLING RIVALRY IS OVER,! YOU ARE MINE, ERIK MAGNUS -- AND WITH YOU, YOUR MAGNETIC MEN!
A PITY YOU DON'T POSSESS THE GENIUS TO GIVE THEM THE SEED'S OF SENTIENCE THAT YOUR BROTHER GAVE TO ME!
DOESN'T... HE...?

OUR MASTER... GAVE US THE MINDS OF MUTANTS SLAUGHTERED BY SENTINELS.
SHREEK
IF WE ARE YOUR "COUSINS"... THEN WE ARE COUSINS...
...BY BLOOD!
BROTHERS! BREAK FREE OF THE MASTER'S MIND-- AND STRIKE!
BUT WE CAN'T BE FREE OF THE MASTER! WE'RE ONLY PARTS OF HIM!
INDEED YOU ARE.
AND NOW THAT I'VE CORRECTED THIS LITTLE MALFUNCTION...
AN...TI...M-M-MONY...!
THE REST OF YOU NEVER... CARED ABOUT HER OR M-ME! M-MAYBE I'M JUST DIAMUH-NUM MAGNETIC BUT I CAN GET M-MAD!
M-MAYBE I CAN'T M-MOVE -- BUT I CAN GET M-M-M --
MWOOM
BISMUTH!
HHHSS

NOW, DO THE REST OF YOU SEE THE FUTILITY?
ANTIMONY -- BISMUTH -- WE CAN'T LET THEM LIE THERE -- AND THEN SERVE HIM!
BUT WE CAN'T MOVE! COBALT -- THE MASTER GAVE YOU THE BEST ELECTRONIC MIND OF US ALL --
YES...
AND IF I USE THAT MIND TO SEEK -- OR FORGE -- AN ERSATZ WILL EVEN HALF AS STRONG AS THAT OF ERIK MAGNUS...
HWOOM!
...THEN I CAN CHANNEL THAT WILL INTO POWER!
RADIATION... DAMPENING MY EMISSIONS...!
WE'RE FREE!
FREE OF SINISTRON -- AND MAGNETO, TOO!
WHAT --
-- FOR THE MASTER!
KWAH
DAMAGE. JUST ENOUGH...
THEN USE THAT FREEDOM --

-- TO SET MAGNETO FREE!
SINISTRON -- I KNOW YOU NOW!! KNOW YOUR POWER AND HOW YOU EMPLOY IT --
-- BECAUSE I KNOW MY BROTHER! I KNOW HIS PAIN AND MADNESS --
-- AND I WILL NOT BE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD AGAIN!
WITH A SINGLE NATURE-WARPING BLAST OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE, SINISTRON'S EVERY CHIP AND CIRCUIT IS FLOODED, POLARITY OSCILLATING INSTANTLY, RANDOMLY.
NO WAY TO FIGHT BACK --

-- EXCEPT --
AN ESCAPE-DRONE FROM HIS DATA-CORE--
-- CALL IT A PIECE OF HIS MIND --
-- TRIGGERS THE AUTOSYSTEMS OF GENOSHA --
-- WITH AN ELECTROMAGNETIC BUZZ THAT SENDS A CHILL UP THE SPINE OF MAGNETO.
NO! THE STASIS CELLS --
-- HE'S TURNING THEM INTO DEATH CHAMBERS! MAGNETIC MEN!
WE KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, MAGNUS!
THE MUTANTS WILL BE SAVED!
AND THEN SINISTRON WILL KNOW SUFFERING!
M-MAGNETIC M-MEN... FREE? M-MASTER'S M-MIND... NOT IN M-M-MINE? WHAT DID I M-M-M-MISS?!

AS MUTANTS ARE PULLED FREE OF THEIR BURNING AND SUFFOCATING CHAMBERS, MAGNETO SEEKS THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FREQUENCY THAT REGULATES THE COMPLEX...
...AND, FINDING IT, HE BLASTS IT INTO SUBMISSION.
THEY'RE ALIVE! WE DID IT!
HOW GOOD OF YOU, BISMUTH, TO SHARE THE CREDIT WITH US.
YOU'RE WELC...
HEY, WAIT A M-MINUTE --!
ANTIMONY...
...ARE YOU HURT? IF ANY REPAIR IS NEEDED, I WILL...
YOU MADE ME BETTER THAN THAT, MASTER. I WILL FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU SO LONG AS THE FIGHT REMAINS.
BUT AS I TOLD YOU...ASK NO MORE OF ME THAN THAT.
NO!!
THAT SNEAKING, CONNIVING CHEAT! HE CAN'T DO THIS!!

HE CAN'T DIE UNTIL I'M DONE WITH HIM!
I DON'T THINK YOU NEED FEAR THAT, NICKEL. A PORTION OF HIS CONSCIOUSNESS ESCAPED...
...AND IT'S STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE. SINISTRON WILL BE BACK, AND WE'LL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO BATTLE HIM AGAIN.
HIM... AND EVERY OTHER ENEMY OF MUTANT-KIND...OF MANKIND.
LET 'EM COME, MASTER! THE MAGNETIC MEN CAN HANDLE ANYTHING!
AT LEAST SO LONG AS YOU HAVE ME.
JUST LEAVE THAT ARROGANT SON OF A POCKET CALCULATOR TO ME!
MY CHILDREN.
FOR DESPITE ALL MY EFFORTS TO PROTECT MYSELF WITH THE COMPANY OF MACHINES, DESPITE THE RISK OF PAIN THAT I TRIED TO AVOID, I FIND MYSELF THE HEAD OF A FAMILY...
...AND THERE IS NOTHING AS REWARDING... OR AS POWERFUL... AS A FAMILY.
THE MAGNETO AND THE MAGNETIC MEN
VS.
X-PATROL
'Nuff Said!

MAGNETIC MAIL CALL

Dear Mark and Bob,

All I can say is WOW!!! The Mutant Master of Magnetism in his own Amalgam title. What a dream come true. Not since last year's *Age of Apokalips* has Magneto looked so good. Thumbs up to the fantastic work of Jeff Matsuda and Art Thibert. Since you guys are the brains of the operation I have a few questions for you:

1) Will Sinistron be the cause of more trouble for Magneto and his Magnetic Men?

2) Will the twisted brother of Magneto ever show his face in Genosha ?

3) Am I dreaming, or do the Magnetic Men bear some resemblance to the original JLA and the Brotherhood of Mutants?

Well, I'll be waiting for the first issue, but until then Make Mine Amalgam!

Bob Goldenberg
Forest Hills, NY

Glad you're excited, Bob! Let's answer your questions:

1) Definitely.

2) It seems inevitable. Keep your eyes peeled...

3) As you read in this issue, the Magnetic Men most definitely are closely related to the Brotherhood.

Dear Amalgamites,

It's nice to see that my favorite character in all of comicdom is finally seeing some print after his recent disappearance from the Amalgamverse in the *Mutantfall* storyline. I've always thought that Magneto made a good leader of men, either mutant or machine, but let me get this right: Will Magnus, the evil but mechanically inclined brother of Magneto, create the sentinels, who, led by Sinistron from the island citadel of Genosha, hope to destroy all of mutantkind? And his only opposition is a band of robots enhanced by the powers of Magneto and having the personalities and memories of fallen comrades? Fantastic!! It's not too often that we get to see the world's most powerful mutant master in his own story, let alone in the role of a leader. Mr. X, eat your heart out. If MAGNETO AND THE MAGNETIC MEN is even a glimpse of things to come from Amalgam Comics, then you can count me in as a loyal fan.

Katherine Sarlin
Geneva , NY

Thanks for your kind words, Katherine. We'll do our best to uphold our end of the bargain!

Dear Guys and Gals,

Talk about taking things to the X-treme! Magneto miXed with Magnetic Men, what a concept. What's next, Nightcreeper leading the Smurfs? All jokes aside, I know that the creative team of Jeff Matsuda and Art Thibert will dazzle, alongside the words of Gerry Jones. I have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the next wave of the Amalgam line ever since I read previews about it. Since I've got your attention, I've got a few brain teasers for you:

1) Seeing as there is an 'X' in the new JLX title, will there perhaps be a crossover between them and MAGNETO and THE MAGNETIC MEN ?

2) Will Magneto fill the shoes of such great leaders as Nathaniel Summers as a savior of mutants?

3) Will the ultimate evil of Apocalypse be felt in the Amalgam universe? (I hope so!)

Alexander Hecht
Montclair, NJ

You guys are just full of questions. Luckily, we have answers.

1) Magneto will be guest-starring in JLX in two months; as for a crossover, how's M &MM /X-PATROL sound?

2) What do you think?

3) You hope so?! Don't our characters have enough troubles? Sheesh! Beyond that, no comment...

Dear Mr. Powers,

I thought that I had seen it all after the "Mutantfall" saga, but lo and behold you guys were there to surprise me again. Because of the recent happenings in the JLA, I had feared that our beloved Magneto would be down for the count. After being blown to all heck in the heavens, Magneto is now back to lead an even more surprising crusade for mutantkind than before. Apokalips beware, because with Magneto ripping his way into his own monthly title, there is going to be a new sheriff in town and Magnus be his name!! Before I get too excited, there are just a few inquiries that I would like to make:

1) How is Mr. X going to take the news that his longtime archrival will be leading his own team of superpowered robots?

2) Is there a link between Magneto's new squad of robots and his brother Will's creation, the Sentinels?

3) Will Apollo and the rest of the JLA still be wary of Magneto and his ways, or will they finally settle their differences in order to bring about the peaceful coexistence that they all so desperately want?

4) Sinistron? Que pasa?

Well, I'll be looking forward to the first issues of both the JLX, and MAGNETO and THE MAGNETIC MEN, but until then, *AMALGAM! AMALGAM!*

Justin Sirni
Pittsburgh, Pa

To whom it may concern,

Well I'll be darned. You people never cease to amaze me. Let me start out by saying that I am definitely a guy open to new things. I mean, did I cancel my subscription when Dark Claw temporarily lost his claws? No! Did I refuse to pick up another issue when it looked like Mr. X had been lost from JLA forever? Double No! Did I boycott my local retailer when it looked like Apokalips had changed the face of the world, when it possessed one of the M'Kryptaan crystals? Triple Dog No! So it won't surprise you guys to hear that now that Magneto is back and better than ever, I'll be right here waiting to come along for the ride. I've been a JLA fanatic for many years now (since JLA #51 with the introduction of Nightcreeper), and I've loved just about everything you guys have come up with, and now with the arrival of long awaited JLX, and the surprise return of Magneto in his own MAGNETO AND THE MAGNETIC MEN, you can bet I'll be here for years to come. Plus, with the fabulous art of the Matsuda/Thibert team, what can go wrong? So let's ring in the new year with a big 'M' for mutants, and let's make '96 count. Your loyal fan...

Roger Doyle
San Diego, Ca

Thanks for keeping the faith, Roger. You won't be disappointed! Check out what we've got coming your way in a mere thirty days...

NEXT ISSUE: While investigating strange goings-on at Star International, Magneto and Co. run smack into X-Patrol! Plus, what the heck's wrong with Bismuth?

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